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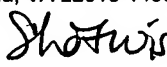
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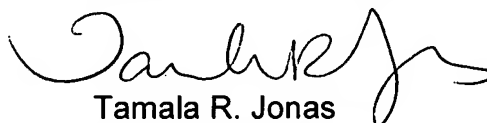
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COMMENT ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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In response to the Notice of Allowance dated October 20, 2005, Applicants would like to enter the following remarks.

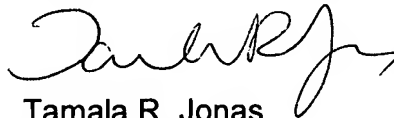
In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner lists limitations said to be present in claims 1, 6-7, 19 & 21, the list including the limitation:

said method including the steps of designating at least one message as unsafe, placing the communication link in said control mode, in which the communication link is monitored for the designated at least one unsafe message, in said control mode preventing the designated at least one unsafe message from reaching the assembly of detonators, and placing the communication link in said operational mode, in which the designated at least one unsafe message is allowed to reach the assembly of detonators, and wherein in both the control mode and the operational mode the safe messages are permitted to be transmitted to the assembly of detonators via the communication link.

Applicants would like to clarify that claims 7 and 21 refer to a system for controlling a blasting network rather than a method of controlling a blasting network and therefore do not include the method steps recited above. Instead, these claims recite the limitation that the communication link in its control mode prevents the at least one designated unsafe message from being transmitted to the assembly of detonators and in its operational mode permits the at least one designated unsafe message to be transmitted to the assembly of detonators, and wherein in both its control mode and its operational mode the communication link permits the safe messages to be transmitted to the assembly of detonators via the communication link.

It is believed that no fee is due with this submission. If this is incorrect, please charge any deficiency to deposit account 07-1969.

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